

c. 1895

BA 1600
Fernwood
1116 Valley Road
Lutherville
Maryland
private

Although Fernwood was built about 1895, went through major architectural changes during the twentieth century, much interior detailing remains which recalls the eighteenth century.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI #0316002504

1 NAME

HISTORIC

FERNWOOD

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1116 Valley Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

Lutherville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Berman

Telephone #: 823-8182

STREET & NUMBER

1116 Green Spring Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Lutherville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21093

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: RRG 4208

Folio #: 401

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-1600

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

FERNWOOD is a frame house, two and one half storeys in height, its south facade expressed as four bays in length, its north as six bays in length. It dates from 1920-1940. Exterior walls are sheathed in wide weatherboards and the slated gabled roof rises above a wide modillioned cornice with bold eave returns under the rakes. Five arched dormers are in each roof slope. Brick interior chimneys rise at the ridge near the east end, in the southerly slope near the middle of the house and in the northerly slope near the west end. The south facade faces a broad view of the valley and it is sheltered by a one-storey trellis. The north facade is the principal entrance; there a small one-storey projecting vestibule has a door with sidelights and semi-elliptical transom and a six-light casement is on either side. Typical windows of the north facade and the ends are 4/4 but windows in the end bays of the south facade, second storey, are 6/6 and those of the two middle bays there are tall casements. A series of contemporary sliding glass doors in the first storey, south front, opens to the south trellised terrace. All windows have louvred blinds.

A central hall extends through the house and the principal staircase is immediately east of the hall at the north facade. Two rooms are to the west, the southwesterly the larger and the dining room is east of the hall. A breakfast room is in the southeast corner of the house and the kitchen is in the north-east corner. The entire south wall is glazed with sliding doors, each a single piece of glass. Other original detailing remains unaltered including mantels in each principal room, trim and doors, all recalling the eighteenth century.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

- ☐ PREHISTORIC
- ☐ 1400-1499
- ☐ 1500-1599
- ☐ 1600-1699
- ☐ 1700-1799
- ☒ 1800-1899
- ☐ 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

FERNWOOD is one of the latest mansions in the district, designed in an antique style.

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Fernwood was built in about 1896 by George and Fannie Winchester Brown.¹ H. Carroll Brown, trustee for Fannie Winchester Brown, sold Fernwood at his father's death to Robert N. Sloan and his wife, Louise L., on July 10, 1903. At that time the property contained 97.9 acres.² The Sloans lived in Fernwood during Mr. Sloan's lifetime and Mrs. Sloan continued on there alone for a short time following his death,³ before she sold the house and 46 acres to her adjoining western property owner, Mrs. Catherine Ottolie Young Wickes on November 11, 1926.⁴ Mrs. Wickes' daughter, Catherine Ottolie Wickes and her husband, Daniel Brewster, moved into Fernwood.⁵ After her mother's death Mrs. Brewster purchased Fernwood from the other heirs in Mrs. Wickes' estate for \$23,033.34 on the 24th of January, 1944.⁶ Mrs. Brewster was widowed, raised her children and was remarried to William F. Cochran while residing at Fernwood.⁷ On February 15, 1952, she sold Fernwood with 45 acres to W. Bladen Lowndes and his wife, Anne Watson.⁸ The Lowndes lived in Fernwood for eleven years before selling it on September 20, 1963, to Dr. Edgar F. Berman and his wife, Phoebe, the present owners.⁹

Footnotes

- ¹ Tax Records 1895, Baltimore County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.
- ² Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Liber NBM 254, folio 499.
- ³ Interview with Mrs. Marshall 2-14-80.
- ⁴ BCLR, WPC 639, 194.
- ⁵ Mrs. Ottolie Wickes Brewster (Cochran) and is still known to historian, K. Washburne.
- ⁶ BCLR, 1335, 315.
- ⁷ Ibid, no. 5.
- ⁸ BCLR, G. L. B. 2074, 562
- ⁹ BCLR, RRG 4208, 401

At George Brown's death in 1902, his wife sold Fernwood to Robert N. Sloan.¹ At that time the 3-story frame building was 40 x 50 feet with a wide veranda encircling the house. All of the rooms on the first floor opened onto this porch. There were twenty-five rooms in all, the majority of which contained large old-fashioned, opengrate fireplaces.³ . . . During the twentieth century the house underwent major architectural change.⁴

Footnotes

- ¹ Interview with Mrs. H. Benthall Marshall, granddaughter of George and Frances (Winchester) Brown, November 20, 1973. BCLR, NBM 254, 499.
- ² "Beautiful Green Spring Valley Home of Mr. R. N. Sloan, Baltimore American, 11 June 1905
- ³ Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vol. (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1978).

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Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Towson Court House, Towson, Md.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 45.62

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION Research Historians.

DATE

Valleys Planning Council

2-28-80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

212 Washington Avenue

Towson, Md.

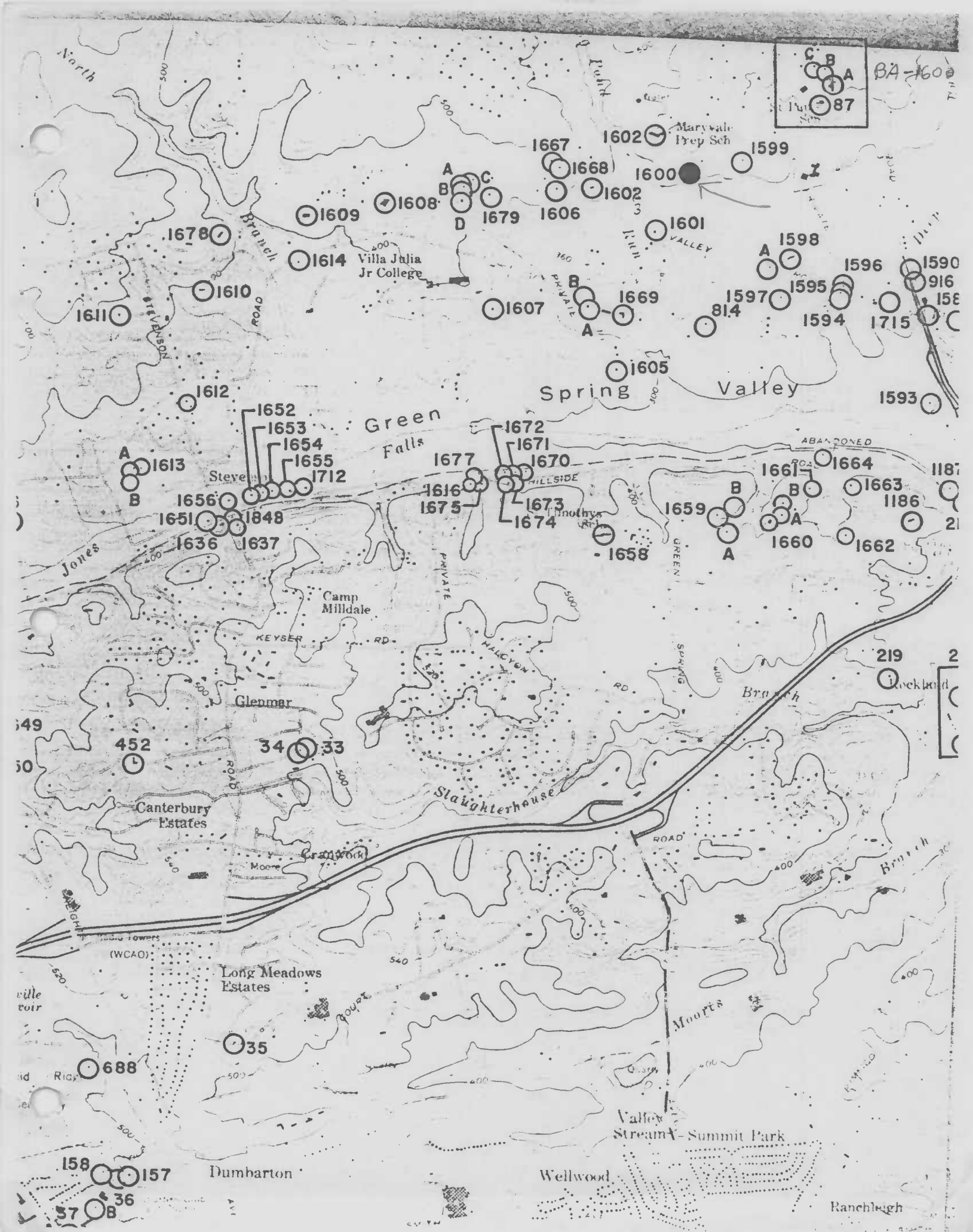
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STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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